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—It your nostrils are clogged or "running."
—It you feel tired on rising.
—It you suffer from "stuffy" "head noise."
—It your eyes are "watery."
—It "croup" "croup" in the nose.
—It your mouth and throat are dry and painful.
—It you experience other
—It your nose of mucus is impeded.
—It your breath is "bad" and your mouth "dirty."
—It you have pain over the eyes.

or if you have a dry, hot skin, and alternate fits of heat and cold, you are almost certainly suffering from Catarrh.

Doctors now realise that Catarrh is dangerous. It not only causes much suffering and distress, but it has a high rate of mortality, because the slimy and poisonous mucus flows downwards (sometimes) into the lungs, causing pneumonia, influenza, and other organs, causing bronchitis, debility, and a Catarrh condition of the whole inner man that lowers resisting power to disease and leads to such deadly ailments as Gland Catarrh, Intestinal Catarrh, and even Consumption itself.

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WAR ON ROAD HOGS.

COURTS SENDING THEM TO GAOL. GREY CAR CHASE. VICTIM'S NAME.

Magistrates throughout the country have declared war on the reckless motorists, and in some cases drunken drivers who endanger the lives of pedestrians are being sent to gaol without the option of a fine.

The Ministry of Transport is drafting a Road Vehicles Bill containing stringent penalties for dangerous driving.

Probably the Bill will include a provision for the abolition of the 30 miles an hour speed limit, which, though still in existence, is largely disregarded. In its place there would be stringent penalties for reckless and dangerous driving.

The clause will also abolish the 10-mile limits in populous areas, but will make it incumbent upon local authorities to set up warning signs as a guidance to drivers.

Mr. A. Henderson, the National Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which represents nearly 100,000 drivers of motor vehicles, states that the union is in favour of a driving test as a preliminary to the granting of a motor-driving licence.

HUNT FOR GREY CAR.

The London police are searching for the driver of a big grey motor-car which is said to have been involved in a mid-night smash at Shepherd's Bush. A woman, aged about 50, who was fatally injured, was last night identified as Ethel Calver, who lived in a lodging-house in Bangor-st., Notting Dale, and she had friends living in Camden Town, who have been communicated with.

Visits to practically all garages in London were made yesterday by a large force of police officers in an endeavour to trace the car. Outside the metropolitan area the police have been requested to assist in Scotland Yard.

It is believed that the mystery car contained three persons, and that the driver was hatless.

Tipster Farmer Gets 14 Days.

At Elham, Kent, John James Cheetham, described as a pipe manufacturer and as being of the village of Elham, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for being drunk in charge of a motor-car and driving dangerously.

Month for Mechanic.

A Bow-st. one month's imprisonment in the second division was passed on Ernest Guernsey (44), a mechanic, of Brixton-rd., S.W., for being drunk in charge of a motor-lorry.

Dead and Dumb.

The driving licence of Walter Butcher, a deaf and dumb motor-cyclist, was suspended by the Woburn magistrates because he rode on the wrong side of the road and struck a horse.

YESTERDAY'S MISHAPS.

3 PEOPLE KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR AT DALSTON.

Putting his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake, the driver of a private car in Kingsland High-st., Dalston, yesterday afternoon sent the car suddenly forward. It dashed on to the pavement, which at the time was crowded with shoppers, and knocked down eight pedestrians.

Three people, suffering from bruises, were treated at Metropolitan Hospital. They were: William Good, Bendhurst-rd., Wandsworth; Edith Rider, Shackleton-rd., Dalston; and Francis Bewley, of Waltham-rd., Kingsland. They were sent home after treatment.

'Bus in a Shop.

Yesterday afternoon a motorbus crashed into the window of the West Central Furnishing Company's premises at the corner of Store-st., Tottenham Court-rd. The bus, marked private, carried only three men. No one was injured.

Holiday Car Shot.

Joseph Whitting, of Newport Pagnell, after starting out on a holiday, was thrown from his motor-cycle and fractured his skull on the Bedford-Cambridge main road yesterday. He lies in a precarious condition at Cambridge. The accident was due to a waterproof sheet slipping from the carrier and becoming wedged between the mudguard and wheel.

Fatal Scurvy.

Mr. Percy Poole, of Clarendon-gardens, Ilford, sustained fatal injuries at Alton yesterday. He was driving a tri-car in which his wife and son were also travelling, when it swerved into a bank. The other occupants escaped with slight injuries.

Headbush Sweep.

After buying sweets in a shop, Joan Harris, aged five, of Upper Milton-rd., Gillingham, Kent, stepped off the pavement in front of a motor-lorry. The driver pulled up promptly, and it was found that the girl, although held down by her hair by the off-side front wheel of the lorry, was unhurt.

Ramming a Snail.

A char-a-banc collided with a van at the junction of Crescent and South-Eastern-roads, Ramsgate, yesterday. Both vehicles were badly damaged, the char-a-banc crashing into a tree, which snapped in half.

Four of the char-a-banc passengers were slightly injured. They were: Mrs. Dunning, The Parade, Margate; Mr. John Kain, Ripley, Surrey.

A FLOWERY CUSTOMER.

"You couldn't expect me to tell the truth right away. I had to give you a run for your money," said a policeman in evidence at Exeter yesterday, was made to him by a man whom he took into custody on a charge of stealing carnations, and who made various statements which proved untrue.

When ordered to pay 25s., the offender said coolly, amid laughter: "I must ask for my expenses, as I should have been at Chelmsford to-day."

This modest request was, however, refused by the bench.

NEW BROOM IN PARLIAMENT.

LABOUR REFORMERS. HOW THEY WOULD ALTER PROCEDURE.

Believing that the "machinery of government" is in need of reform and that it fails to express the will of the people, the Labour Party appointed a sub-committee to find out what, in the party's opinion, ought to be done.

This sub-committee (writes a Political correspondent) has reported at great length on various points.

Chief among the recommendations is the need for strengthening the authority of the House of Commons as against the Cabinet. Disillusionment with Parliament is the result of this Cabinet supremacy, they say.

Opinions on the other subjects, necessarily condensed, are as follow:—
Putting on the Whips.—Party Whips are put on so regularly, even on trivial matters, that the House votes at random when a free opinion is allowed.

Commons Committee.—Committees are needed to focus the House's opinions and give it a lead in criticising the Cabinet. One Committee would represent each great department or group of departments.

Committee's Administrative Powers.—Power should be given to summon witnesses, including the Minister in charge of a department, and to issue reports on departmental work.

Legislative Committee.—Committees should have power to introduce Bills. At present "private and interested parties" have more direct approach to the ear of a Minister and to the mind of the Cabinet than the House of Commons.

General Purposes Committee.—To be appointed at the beginning of every session from among members, to report on all kinds of Bills, etc. Reapportionment of the time of the session is desirable.

Private Members.—Ballot for Bills is unsatisfactory and inadequate. Facilities should be given for Bills that the General Purposes Committee thinks important.

Election of Committees.—Present party whip selection method does not secure best men and parties have no choice of actual representatives. A whole House ballot on the proportional representation system, and free nomination by whole House on Belgian system, would overcome difficulties.

£200 BETTING FINES.

POLICE RAID ON SECOND-HAND CLOTHES SHOP.

Fines of £100 each, with five guineas costs, were imposed at Old-st. yesterday on Hyman Rubinstein (44), a clothier, of Hackney-rd., Shoreditch, and Henry Barker (40), traveller, of Quilter-st., Bethnal Green, who were charged with being found on premises at 9, Hackney-rd., alleged to be used as a betting house, and further with keeping and managing a betting house at that address.

Inspector Simmonds said that he with other officers executed a search warrant on the previous day at the premises, a second-hand clothes shop. On a table in a back room witness found a duplicating book, containing entries mostly in Barker's handwriting—relating to bets dating back to July 20. There was a large quantity of correspondence, a lot of it being circulated from bookmakers offering terms.

Rubinstein said that he took bets on the telephone and entered them in a book on credit account. Barker, he stated, had been writing down the bets for him in his spare time.

P.S. Burbridge stated that both men had been fined £50 each and costs in 1919 for keeping a betting house.

POLICE VETERAN RETIRES.

Nearly Thirty Years' Service and No Sick Leave.

The father of the Brighton Police Force, Insp. John Sinden, retires this week, after nearly 30 years' service. He has never had a day's sick leave during his career. On one occasion during the racecourse and captured both. He handcuffed one to the fence and then pursued the other.

BLACK CAT CLUE.

A black cat card was among the articles found in the pocket of the clothes worn by an unknown man whose body was recovered from the Thames off Waterloo Bridge. Other clues to the man's identity are—cross tattooed on left fore-arm, old scar beneath left eye, and the name "Frank Thompson, tailor, Bentley," marked on a tape attached to a blue-striped flannel shirt.

THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

"Defendant's name and address were not verbally painted on the van."—A police witness at Exbridge.

Scholars of the Primary Department of the Oggar (Essex) Congregational Sunday School twice broke the rope in a tug-of-war.

A Cranleigh (Surrey) resident is offering a reward of £1 for information leading to the conviction of a mischievous person who poisoned a fine time tree at Mead-road, Cranleigh.

Lunatic Found.—William Ernest Munro, who escaped from the Hampshire Asylum, near Basingstoke, on Thursday, was found sheltering under a hedge from a storm, 12 miles from the institution.

Unlucky Thief.—A thief who stole a cash-bag from the town clerk's office at Chelmsford, Essex, threw it away when he found that it contained only Health Insurance stamps.

Golden Wedding Gifts.—To celebrate their golden wedding to-morrow, Alderman and Mrs. William Davis, of Leamington, Warwickshire, have given 100 guineas to the local hospital and £100 to the Incorporated Home.

New Houses Empty.—There are more Council houses than tenants to occupy them at Cheddington, Bucks. The houses cost £1,000 each to build in 1920, and the rent asked by the local authority is only 10s. weekly.

Father Killed, Son Escapes.—A Rochester (Kent) fireman named Albert Edward Aard (26) lost control of his machine while cycling down a rough lane at Bostal with his boy Albert sitting in front of him. He was killed on the spot. His son received injuries to the head.

GAPING CHASM AT BIRLING GAP.

PERIL TO VISITORS. BIG LANDSLIDE FEARED IN SUSSEX CLIFFS.

Waves of the English Channel are encroaching upon the Sussex shore, and the coastguard station at Birling Gap, about three miles from Beachy Head, is doomed.

Already 100 yards of the stout wall surrounding the building has crashed down 150 feet to the shingle below, and soon the stone and concrete building, which houses the rocket apparatus, must follow.

In the past ten years there has been a serious invasion of the sea at this point. The end of the enclosing wall is now three feet from the edge of the cliff, and is dangerous. Six years ago motor-cars and carriages were often parked between the coastguard station and the cliff edge.

The main gate to the station is only ten yards from the edge, and the cliff is so undermined that any day now it may go to the bottom.

It is difficult to realise that before the war visitors to Birling Gap played golf round this station.

Along the coast towards Beachy Head there are signs of substantial undermining of the chalk cliffs, particularly at the highest point near Beachy Head. Here the deserted Lloyd's Hut stands very near the edge of a precipice 500ft. deep.

COMING CATASTROPHE.

In the not far distant future it is anticipated that one of the greatest land-slides the country has ever known will occur about this point, when chalk, weighing hundreds of thousands of tons will collapse into the sea.

Within the past 12 months there have been two very big falls at Birling Gap.

At one point a great piece is overhanging, and fishermen report that many a time they have watched from their boats visitors standing on this projecting ledge, which must go over before long.

A few more yards of coast erosion along these cliffs will carry with it the telegraph posts connecting the coastguard stations of Sussex.

Another danger spot visited by thousands of visitors annually is where the wreck of a German submarine and a merchant vessel lie side by side against the cliff. Already one fall has bent the steel plates of the merchant vessel as if they had been brown paper.

Visitors are fond of picnicking at this spot, where the cliffs are 200 feet high. One day a fall here will hide these two wrecks for ever.

Nothing is being done to save the coastguard station.

PUNISHED HIMSELF.

Magistrate Sorry for Man who Poised as Inspector.

Frederick Green (38), formerly a temporary clerk and messenger at the War Office, who posed as an inspector of meat and got money from tradesmen by fraud, was at Westminster Police Court yesterday bound over.

The magistrate said he could not help feeling sorry for Green, who was blown up by a shell during the war and still feels the effects. The man had punished himself by the loss of a good job and character, added the magistrate.

BENCH REDUCE RENT.

Landlord Ordered to Pay Back £22

Stratford magistrates yesterday exercised their right under the new Rent Act to fix rent.

Stated to have let a furnished room for 14s. a week, a scantily-furnished kitchen and scullery for 18s., and two other rooms in the house for 14s. and 12s., Alfred Plappert, a tailor, of High-rd., Leytonstone, was charged with receiving extortionate rent.

He was fined £2 10s. and £1 1s. costs in each case. He was also ordered to refund £11 12s. to one tenant and £10 8s. to another. The future rent was fixed at 10s. a week for each tenant.

DRAMA OF OTHER MAN'S CHILD.

WIFE'S CONFESSION IN COURT.

The case against a husband of deserting a child, the existence of which, he declared, was unknown to him until his arrest, terminated in dramatic fashion in Atherstone Police Court yesterday with the confession of the wife that another man was the father.

Joseph William Wright, aged 24, the central figure in this curious drama of real life, was charged with abducting and leaving his child chargeable to the Poor Law Union, while his wife was charged with abandoning the child.

"It is not my child," declared Wright. "It was born while I was serving abroad in the mercantile marine."

"My wife will state that I am not the father."

"I was in New York from January, 1920, to October, 1921, and the child was born in December, 1920."

The wife, after some hesitation, admitted that another man was the father of the child, and said she never told her husband about it.

Wright said he had no knowledge of the existence of this child until they were arrested in Birmingham, although he had been living with his wife.

The charge against Wright was withdrawn, while the case against the wife was adjourned to enable the prosecution to get into touch with the man whom she alleged to be the father of the child.

RANKER OFFICERS.

SIR A. HOLBROOK TO BRING IN A BILL.

The meeting of Army-pensioned-ranker-officers just held in the Memorial Hall, London, will be a landmark.

For the first time on record a body of retired Army officers passed a resolution, in open meeting, to launch a political campaign in order that the House of Commons should become their final court of appeal, after the War Office had "turned them down."

A political move was decided upon as a result of Lord Derby's refusal to grant status and retired pay of commissioned rank held during the war.

It was announced that Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, M.P., would introduce a Bill to amend the regulations and remove an anomaly which entailed the retirement of an army lieutenant-colonel, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M., on 30s. a week, whereas a marine major was granted retired pay of £6 a week minimum.

Major S. North, late R.E., presided. Captain F. D. Bone, the political secretary, reported on the action of the committee and of the Members of Parliament supporting the claim.

A special tribute was paid to "The People" for its unwavering loyalty and for the invaluable aid it had rendered by drawing attention in special articles to a cruel anomaly. "The People" had enabled the committee to get into communication with hundreds of officers affected.

Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook has signified his intention of introducing a Bill in the autumn. If carried, it would put these senior temporary officers in the same category for retired pay as those serving soldiers who received permanent and temporary commissions during the war.

The address of headquarters is 32, Doughty-st., W.C.1.

THE GREAT MEAT RAMP.

AMAZING FACTS.

"FROZEN" AS "ENGLISH" AT TOP PRICES.

Public discontent caused by the high cost of living may safely be put down, to a large extent, to what appears to be deliberate profiteering by meat traders in general.

Meat buying rings are formed by dealers who "stand in" together at sales of stock, crowd out other buyers and force down the prices to a few pence a pound.

No benefit is passed on to the public. No matter how cheap meat may be bought and sold wholesale at stock markets, the highest possible price is screwed out of the public who buy.

Retail butchers buy frozen meat at Smithfield market at 3d. a pound. The public often buy this meat from him at 1s. 10d. a pound.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the huge sum of £78,000,000 a year is taken from the consumer for the profit of the middleman and retailers, and for cumbersome and wasteful methods of distribution.

Another aspect, almost worse, of the meat ramp is that huge quantities of frozen and chilled beef and mutton and pork, brought to England and put into storage till the price is at its highest, are sold as English meat.

There is a huge sum (of unjust profit to the traders) which ought to be taken off the price of beef to the consumer. This is the view of Sir Charles Fielding, who was Director-General of Food Supply during the war.

Sir Charles points the way to a very desirable condition of affairs when he says:—"If the British workman will use his influence to force public opinion to get for the worker and the producer a portion of the vast sums which are being wasted by bad organisation and profiteering, there is no reason why Britain should not be entirely self-supporting in meat products."

HOME OR FOREIGN?

Customers should try to tell from its appearance whether the meat they pay for is English or foreign. Here are some means, given by an expert, to help them to do this:—

Always look at the blood. In frozen meat it is always mixed with water.

The blood of English meat flows very tardily, and is always rich and dark.

After foreign meat has been in a shop for a few hours it very often goes flabby.

Hanging up a side of English beef is dry and firm to touch.

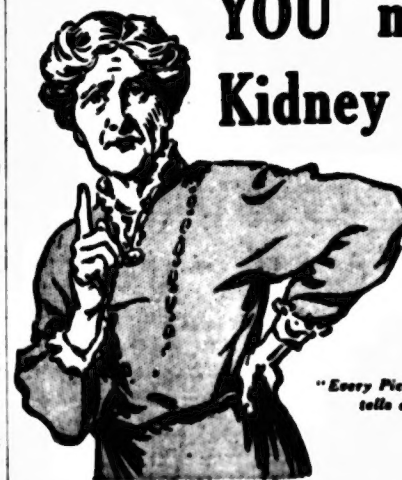
A foreign side is wet.

With regard to eggs, it is a common thing for large quantities of those from foreign countries to be sold as "English new laid." This doubtless accounts for the frequency with which the householder, while paying highest current prices, gets in return a dull, stale, "straw" article that can only be eaten poached or fried, and its taste thus disguised, and even then gets little or no nourishment from it.

No English eggs need be more than a week old when sold.

All parts of the country are affected by the strictures passed in the Lintilhac Report. It is stated that in Glasgow high slaughter-house tolls tend to make high prices. These tolls are more than double the pre-war rates.

YOU may have Kidney Trouble!



There is good cause to suspect your kidneys if you have any stubborn pain in the small of the back; for that is just where the kidneys are.

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HEAVY, throbbing backache and

sharp twinges when you stoop, bend or give your back a sudden twist, tell you of swollen, inflamed kidneys; kidneys sore, overworked and tired.

Unless promptly relieved, what was at first a simple inflammation will turn, in time, to gravel, dropsy, lumbago, sciatica, rheumatism, or some chronic form of kidney disease.

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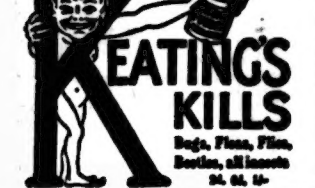
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HER CONSTITUENTS.

Mrs. Hilton Philipson's ankles have won first prize in a beauty competition at Rothbury, Northumberland.

Berwick's popular and versatile M.P. was taking part in a sale of work for the local Recreation Club, and she took the opportunity of thanking her supporters for their help during the election campaign.

Another prize which she carried off was one in a hat-trimming competition. Captain Philipson, her husband, won a prize in a similar competition in which five other men took part.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

TAXI-DRIVERS AND LUGGAGE
CARRYING PATRONS.

Has a taxicab driver the right to refuse to carry luggage into his cab? This question arose when Isaac Grinberg, a taxicab driver, of Kilburn N.W., summoned Mrs. Frankfort, of Exeter-road, Cricklewood, N.W., for non-payment of 1s. fare.

Grinberg said he declined to fetch her luggage downstairs, so she sent him away, telephoned for another cab, and declined to pay the 1s. fare due to him.

The magistrate said Grinberg had refused to do what 99 per cent. of cabmen would gladly do. He could hardly expect Mrs. Frankfort to carry out the luggage and put it on the cab.

Mr. Elliott Gorst, for the Motor-cab Trade Protection Society, said luggage carrying was not a matter of right but of courtesy.

The magistrate allowed Grinberg the shilling and 5s. costs.

13-WORD "MURDER CONFESSION" IN A
POCKET-BOOK.YOUTH ALLEGED TO HAVE CUT THROAT OF
4-YEAR-OLD BOY.

A pocket-book in which was written, in 13 words, an alleged confession of murder figured at the inquest held by the Durham coroner at Craghead on John Campion, aged four, who was found dead in his parents' home with his throat cut.

The police said that the pocket-book was found in the possession of George Coates Welch, a 17-year-old pony-putter, and after the jury had returned a verdict of "Willful murder" against him he was committed for trial on the coroner's warrant.

The tragedy occurred at Bloemfontein, near Stanley.

Welch was a frequent visitor to the house of the Campions. The other night he offered to look after the two children, "Jackie," aged four, and Mary Ellen, aged six, while the parents went to Stanley for the evening.

On their return home the parents found "Jackie" dead on the kitchen hearthrug, with a terrible wound in the throat.

In the pantry was found a blood-stained bread knife.

Welch was missing, and after a hue and cry was arrested at Sacriston, near Durham.

At the inquest on John Campion the following entry, made in pencil in a pocket-book found in the possession of Welch, was read out:

George Welch, 32, Wear-rd., West Stanley, Co. Durham. I cut Jack's throat.

Referring to the entry during his summing up, the coroner said:

"There could not be more terrible evidence against himself, assuming that this is his writing. . . . You do not require a long confession from a

criminal, if he choose to write so distinctly of the act he has done."

In addition to the pocket book entry, it was stated in evidence that Welch, replying to a question as to what he had been doing, said: "I was asleep, and when I got up my hands were all blood."

On this, and other testimony, the jury, after only a moment's consideration, returned a verdict of willful murder against Welch.

Welch was present while the inquest evidence was taken. Most of the time he sat with his head in his hands, occasionally sobbing heavily. Now and again he looked up, and when asked by the coroner if he wished to put any questions to the witnesses, replied with a subdued: "No, sir."

In his address to the jury, Coroner Graham said: "I don't know whether you took stock of Welch, as he was sitting here, but I must say he gave me the impression of being only half-witted or something of that kind. It might have been from remorse or a feeling which would be natural to anyone on such a charge as this. If he is not responsible, that is not our business."

TAX ON BETS
LIKELY.MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE
IN FAVOUR.

There is every likelihood that the Betting Tax Committee will report by a slight majority that a tax on betting is both practicable and desirable.

This forecast was made by Mr. Isaac Foot, M.P., a member of the Committee, in a speech at Henwood, Cornwall. Mr. Foot himself is opposed to the proposal, and with his colleagues on the Committee, intends to state the grounds of his objection.

BULLION FROM WRECK.

£400,000 RECOVERED FROM
SUNKEN "LAURENTIC."

Divers have recovered coins and gold bullion to the value of £400,000 from the wreck of the liner Laurentic, sunk in 1917 about 15 miles off Lough Swilly. The arduous task of the divers attached to the salvage ship H.M.S. Racer were rendered dangerous by the fact that they were frequently attacked by giant dog-fish.

The Racer returned to port each night with its burden of gold. When sufficient was recovered it was put on board a destroyer and landed at Chatham, from whence the bullion was sent under armed guard to the Bank of England.

All the bullion recovered will, of course, benefit the taxpayer.

"We shall have to raffle them to get rid of them," remarked Councillor T. J. Downing, when the Clerk of the Epping Urban Council reported no offers for the purchase of the Council houses had been received.

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STRUT, MISS LIZZIE

FOX-TROT SONG

Sung by FRED BARNES

Words and Music by

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Moderato.

PIANO.

At the bar-ber's hall, in the bar-ber's hall, All the danc-y belles were there,
They were stop-pin' sweet, they were stop-pin' neat, They were steppin' on-per fine.

Such a glanc-in', pranc-in', strut-tin' and a danc-in', they were do-in' for
To the sing-in', swing-in', fan-cy pi-goon wing-in', they were fall-in' in

fair, line, All the belles and beaux pranc-in' on their toes,
Ev-ry dame and duke struck an at-ti-tude, Tried to do the cake walk
For to win that cake they

well, When a mid-night blonde came prancing on, They were heard to yell, cried,
tried, But when Lis-zie Brown came prancing round, Ev-ry-bod-y

Chorus (S.B.).

Won't you Strut, Miss Lis-zie, got be-ey, I want to see you walk, For the

folks all state the way you syn-co-pate Is the whole town talk; . . . When you move so pret-ty

it's a pi-ty Theoth-er girls frown, but the men you meet like the way you shake your

feet, . . . Oh, you knock'em dis-ey, Strut, Miss Lis-zie Brown, . . . Won't you

Brown.

(I'll bet you've got the en-test lil-the strut in town.) D.S.X.

Fine. (To patter.)

PATTER (ad lib.) To follow 1st Chorus after 2nd Verse.

Go down the street by the hand, Put your feet, you stop-pin' feet, Strut your stuff,

use your brain, trot your toes down the lane; Through the al-ley dodge the man, Shake Miss Lis-zie's

puts and pans, Pull your self to-gether now, we're going to have a real "Two Row." Won't you

Back to Chorus.

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Looking After Stockings

Conducted by "MIMI."



THE no stocking craze has had a great run in holiday resorts, men and women, as well as children, having indulged in it to the extent of their own delight, untrammelled by any chiding on the part of Mrs. Grundy. But the holidays are ending, and employers are not showing any signs of permitting the habit of the seaside to be extended to their offices. Girls are coming back to office stools and office stockings.

It is rather curious, when one comes to think about it, how little attention the average woman pays to her stockings. She allows them to ladder, and she darns and mends away, giving herself a lot of unnecessary labour, caused in the main by the lack of care. Stockings wear out quickly, as a rule. This is owing to injudicious buying in the first place. Stockings should be bought by size, and yet nearly every woman, on being asked "What size?" replies "Oh, I don't know. I think one." And yet half an inch too much or half an inch too little means all the difference between long wear and quick wear.

Good measures are:—
Foot: Size 3 to 3½—24 in. stocking.
Foot: Size 4 to 5½—9 in. stocking.

The woman who has to own to any size beyond 5½ should be able to wear 10 in. hose.

No stocking should ever be pulled off by the toe, but turned back from the knee downwards and skinned off. As soon as the first hole appears it should immediately be mended. If left until after the stocking has been washed it will be double in size, and the trouble of mending also materially increased. Stockings should always be washed at home. It is the best way to lengthen their span of utility. All varieties require careful washing, but none more so than silk ones. Everybody nowadays

wears silk stockings, but few seem to understand thoroughly how carefully laundered they should be.

If you think of it, sprinkle a little carbonate of soda into the feet of the stockings before wearing them for the first time. In the case of silk stockings, if this be done each time after they are laundered it will help to preserve the material very considerably.

Never wear a pair of new silk stockings more than once before washing it. If you can afford to have many pairs, never wear one pair more than two days running before washing them, even after they are no longer new. Washing, if carefully done, does not injure silk or any sort of stockings, but several days' wear, especially in warm weather, does.

Silk stockings, whether they be of the artificial, Milanese, holeproof or spun silk type, should always be soaked in tepid water for a few minutes before they are washed. Soap must never be rubbed directly on to the stocking. Luke-warm lather should be used, and the stockings squeezed in it and the feet gently rubbed between the hands. They must be rinsed in water of the same temperature, and the moisture pressed out with the hands.

Stockings should not be hung up to dry. Silk stockings should be rolled up in a cloth, and woolen and cotton ones laid upon a towel placed in the sun or air and pulled gently into shape from time to time.

It is better not to iron stockings, but if they must be pressed, turn them inside out and operate through a damp cloth, using a moderately hot iron. Keep the stockings in pairs. A good plan when buying new ones, if they bear close family resemblance to those already possessed, is to mark them with little cross-stitches in coloured cotton so that they can be easily paired.

A golden rule to remember when putting on one's stockings is to see that the seam down the back is perfectly straight. Many an otherwise charming appearance is spoiled by a crooked seam running up the leg. Skirts are still short.

Nearly all these remarks are applicable to socks as well as stockings.

"THE PEOPLE'S" DOCTOR.

Health Hints for the Home.

EAR AFFECTIONS CAUSING DEAFNESS. During the holiday season it may prove useful to strike a note of warning of the dangers to hearing through diving. Striking the water with the side of the head by the sudden and great compression of the air in the external auditory canal may easily cause rupture of the drum of the ear; or internal haemorrhages, followed by inflammation of the delicate structures and deafness.

It is a well known condition that sea water is an important factor in the causation of bony growths (exostoses) in the auditory canal amongst those of amphibious habits as the South Sea Islanders. The ears are very intolerant of cold, and draughts of cold air; a few drops of cold water trickling into them during ordinary washing may cause trouble out of all proportion to its apparent unimportance.

I would go so far as to say that those with any previous ear trouble should never go in for sea bathing.

In bathing, or diving, cotton plugs soaked in liquid vaseline, or india-rubber protectors, should be used, and the head enveloped in a waterproof cap.

If I were asked what was the most prevalent cause of deafness at all ages, I would unhesitatingly say, "Catarrh of the middle ear, or tympanitis."

Originating most frequently in children with adenoid growths of the pharynx, or the ordinary chronic nasal catarrh, the inflammation creeps up the eustachian tube (a minute canal extending from the back of the nose to the middle ear). This is soon followed by a mucous fluid being thrown out into the tympanic cavity. Should this be neglected, and not dispersed by proper treatment, it will become organised and cause permanent adhesion of the little ear bones which usually convey the sound waves to the auditory nerve terminations, followed by incurable deafness.

During the whole course the symptoms complained of are very insidious, viz.,

perhaps an occasional slight earache, a sense of fullness or pressure in the ear, with at first slight impairment of hearing. There is usually a sense of crackling when blowing the nose. Directly the inflammation extends to the tympanic cavity, the defect of hearing sensation over the side of the head and affected ear is often complained of.

With regard to treatment, I cannot too strongly impress on parents the importance of having advice at the earliest sign of trouble. A few weeks or months may mean success or failure for the ear without delay, and no putting off with the idea of getting well. Nasal catarrh should be actively treated with suitable nasal washes and sprays, and the patient removed to a high, bracing atmosphere, free from dust and impurities. Whilst the mucous membrane in the tympanic cavity is liquid it can be dispersed by inflating the cavity with air blown through the nose with a rubber Politzer bag, and various vapours inhaled into the cavity.

In next week's issue The Doctor will write on other common forms of deafness.

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TELEGRAMS: PEOPLE, LONDON.

THE FOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

The best part of the interim report of the Linlithgow Committee is, to use an Irishism, that which is to follow it. For we are promised, next session, legislation to check food frauds on the public. The new Merchandise Marks Bill, which has been made a Government measure, is expected to be in operation early in the new year, and it provides penalties for traders who fail to mark foreign meat and certain other produce with the country of origin.

The poor are fleeced unmercifully. It comes as a surprise to be told five years after the war that the experience of food control then learned has been largely made use of in the post-control period, and that retailers have been making gross profits of 20½ and 13½ per cent. in the case of pork; 48½ per cent. in the case of frozen beef, and 22½ per cent. in the case of New Zealand lamb. Profits are increased by the fraudulent marking of fresh meat from the Continent as "home killed," and the sale of chilled meat as English. Thus the home producer and consumer are both defrauded at the same time and the retailer reaps a reward for his dishonesty.

And the consumer is a very careless, easy-going person as a rule. He or she will have the best cuts and pay top prices for them without really being able to judge whether the "cuts" are the best or not. The consumer is offered margarine at two or three different prices, and purchases the "best," as distinguished by its price, sublimely ignorant of the fact that the three qualities are only too often one and the same. Again, in the suburbs eggs are sold as "fresh," "new-laid" and "local." There is an extra charge for "local" eggs, and you can purchase them in localities where a day's search would not discover a solitary "local" fowl.

And it is not alone that retailers cheat the public by the methods referred to—swollen railway charges are added to the burdens of producer and consumer, and there is the competition of nations outside the British Empire: the United States, the Argentine, Uruguay and so forth. This Empire of ours should be made self-supporting in the matter of food. If our Dominions were in a position to supply us with all the food we import they would be among the best customers for our manufactures; they would be able to absorb increasing numbers of our unemployed. And herein would be not only a guarantee for prosperity in time of peace, but increased security in time of war.

ENOUGH OF NOTES.

The British public is growing tired of diplomatic Notes; a meeting between the French and British Premiers will probably be more productive of practical results; it could hardly be less so.

And in view of the speech of the new German Chancellor, Dr. Stresemann, the time would appear to be almost ripe for such a meeting. Dr. Stresemann was speaking, it should be remembered, at a lun-

cheon given him by the German Trade and Industrial Congress, which, taken in conjunction with the fact that he has been closely associated with Herr Stinnes, lends special significance to his words.

The new Chancellor is apparently in a mood to recognise the seriousness of the European situation brought about by Germany's suicidal policy, and to do something to retrieve the present disastrous position. The rather stern measures of taxation and reform recently voted by the Reichstag have just come into force, and Dr. Stresemann states that the Government will not hesitate to make a sharp levy on capital values, and demands that representatives of industry shall co-operate because these measures are necessary.

There appears here some indication of a "change of heart" on the part of Germany, and especially of her powerful industrialists. If it be, indeed, so, then we may look for some easing of the situation in the not distant future.

There is no mention of passive resistance in the Chancellor's speech, but there is reason to believe that if accommodation could be reached on certain other points the bogey would disappear of its own accord. He declared that an understanding with France might be reached on the lines of the productive pledges, and took note of the fact that M. Poincaré had voiced his desire for a practical solution of the reparation problem.

The difference between France and England may be summed up in this—that France sticks to the letter of her bond, while England wishes to realise its practical value, cut certain losses, and get busy on the work of reconstruction. If France is to be moved from her apparent non possumus position, the most likely way is a meeting between the Premiers. But Mr. Baldwin must maintain a firm front in pressing for the only policy that can hope to free international trade from the paralysis that has overtaken it. We want to work in friendly co-operation with France, but that does not mean tamely following wherever she sees fit to lead.

A BONE TO PICK WITH BUTCHERS.

Reduction in Price of Meat Long Overdue.

By Sir HERBERT MATTHEWS, Secretary Central Chamber of Agriculture.

"We, as representatives of the meat-distributing trade of the United Kingdom, unhesitatingly assert that the removal of the Canadian cattle embargo will reduce the price of meat by at least sixpence per pound."

Everybody remembers the great fight that was waged for many months over the question whether or not Canadian store cattle should be allowed to be imported into Great Britain. Everybody knows that the fight ended in December last, when an Act was passed that allowed such cattle to be imported once more.

Following the passing of this Act, the first shipments of Canadian store cattle reached Liverpool and Glasgow early last April, nearly five months ago, and they have been coming in ever since.

What About that Sixpence?

Into the arguments for and against this importation there is no need to enter now, but there is one question to which the public would much like to have an answer. Indeed, the demand for an answer is growing in volume and sternness every day.

When is the promised reduction of "at least sixpence per pound" in the price of meat going to be made? That is the question now being asked in tens of thousands of households where the cost of living and its troublesome upward jolts is testing the patience of the nation's housekeepers from week to week.

The Price Has Gone Up

Among the arguments that undoubtedly swayed the Legislature to the decision to allow the importation of these stores was this definite, clear, unconditional assertion by the National Federation of Meat Traders that it would lead to a very welcome reduction in the price of meat.

Yet, so far from any reduction—let alone "at least sixpence per pound"—the price of meat has actually risen. It is high time, therefore, that those who have the power to fix the price of meat should be told that the public will wait no longer for the honouring of a promise on which they had every right to place reliance.

We Pause for a Reply.

There have been no circumstances to justify the continuance of the high prices that ruled before Canadian cattle were admitted.

Traders are not slow to seize upon any valid excuse for maintaining prices, but the meat trade has been silent, even in face of the growing chorus of criticism; and the public have, quite naturally, come to the conclusion that there is widespread profiteering in meat.

"Only remove the embargo and down comes the price." That was the cry. Yet the whole trade, from the smallest butcher's shop to the largest wholesale firms, having achieved their object, go on complacently charging prices that by their own showing are "at least sixpence per pound" too high.

What about it?

TALK of the PEOPLE

By WIDEAWAKE.

Lady Newton.

Lady Newton, I learn, has made a splendid recovery after the somewhat serious operation which she had recently to undergo. In a few days' time she will be going with her family to Grundisburgh Hall, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. Lord Newton has leased this place from Lord Cranworth for a few weeks.

Big Game and Golf.

The Cranworths have considerable interests in East Africa, and Lady Cranworth is as fond of life in the country of big game as she is of competing in the Ladies' Parliamentary golf handicap. The "Parliamentary Ladies" are tremendous enthusiasts. Not all of them are by any means scratch players, but, like sensible folk, they play for the sake of the game and with a proper contempt for bogey.

Lady Elphinstone.

Here is a new and hitherto unpublished portrait of Lady Elphinstone, to whom the Queen has just gone on a visit at Carberry Tower, Midlothian.

Lady Elphinstone is the eldest daughter of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Strathmore, and therefore a sister of the Duchess of York. She married in 1910 the 16th Baron Elphinstone, who was formerly a great traveller and sportsman, who has visited many of the lesser-known parts of the world in search of game. Last May Lord Elphinstone was Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and his wife was a charming and popular hostess to the Scottish divines at Holyrood.



Lady Elphinstone.

Aristocratic Slums.

The slums which lie close to Buckingham Palace are being rapidly discovered by aristocratic persons with a fine taste in old and beautiful houses. Catherine-st., Palace-st. and Buckingham-st. are, in fact, becoming serious rivals to Chelsea, the alleged artistic centre of London. It is stated, moreover, that the cinematograph theatre which has been opened close to Catherine-st. has distinguished persons, including Lord Lascelles, interested in its fortunes.

Not Smart Enough.

A little bird whispered to me that two ladies of exalted station were anxious to see what the new picture house was like, and accordingly went on the opening day. To their amused surprise they were refused admission because that day was reserved for the aristocracy. The delicate question then arises what rank in the peerage must a lady or gentleman possess to entitle her or him to admission to the opening day of a picture house. What heartburnings there will surely be when Lady Rosebud Roundabout sees her hated rival the Countess of So-and-So bowed into the Wapping Wonderland while she herself is refused admittance.

A Judicial Plume.

The death of Lord Sterndale, the late Master of the Rolls, leaves vacant a judicial post of considerable importance. It is probable that no appointment will be made in the immediate future, but before the Courts meet again on the 12th October the position will be filled. I have reason to say that Sir Robert Younger, one of the Lord Justices of Appeal, will be a strong candidate for the post. Although

he is the Junior Lord Justice, he is very highly considered in the legal world. In fact, when it was at one time thought unlikely that Viscount Cave would be able to continue in the office of Lord High Chancellor, Sir Robert's name was freely mentioned in that connection.

Passed Over.

The King's Bench Division has been able to keep up with its work so well that it has not been necessary so far to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Reginald Bray. One cannot help sympathising to a certain extent with Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C., the ex-Home Secretary. A promise of preferment to the Bench was given to him in Coalition days, but has never so far been fulfilled.

Government Changes.

The fact that the Prime Minister left London yesterday for Aix-les-Bains and that prior to his departure he had interviews with a number of his ministerial colleagues is no doubt responsible for the premature report of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's elevation to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. So far no official announcement is forthcoming, though it will not be long delayed.

They Want "Jix."

It is well known, however, that a large and influential section of Conservative members of the House are keen on the appointment of Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks to the post of Chancellor. "Jix," as he is familiarly called in the House, has undoubtedly done well as Financial Secretary to the Treasury. In that capacity he has acted as deputy to the Prime Minister, and the way he piloted the Budget through the House won for him much commendation, and he came to be regarded as the most likely candidate for the Chancellorship.

And Why Not?

It is not easy to understand why such a reshuffle is necessary as would be involved in the transference of Mr. Neville Chamberlain from the Ministry of Health, where he has done well, to the Chancellorship, an office in which he has had no experience; and the severance of Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks from the Exchequer, where he has been an undoubted success, in order to take over the Ministry of Health.

Remark has often been made of the fact that as soon as a minister becomes acquainted with the duties of a particular office he is shunted to some other post and has to begin all over again. "Jix" has been one of the successes of the Conservative Government, and his adaptability appears in the fact that he has already served as Parliamentary Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department and Postmaster-General.

Looks the Part.

I saw Sir Amherst Selby-Bigge travelling down to Lewes the other day. Sir Amherst is the Permanent Secretary to the Board of Education, and he looks it very much of him. Very learned but kindly in appearance, he obviously bears the stamp of the permanent official. Most men give by their appearance an indication of their calling. Civil Servants leave you in no doubt whatsoever.

Was it a Ghost?

Do dogs see ghosts? This is quite the kind of question appropriate to the season. My answer is in the affirmative, for this is what happened in my presence. At the beautiful old brick Castle of Hurstmonceux there is a room of unsurpassed beauty known as the Ladies' Bower. Col. Claude Lowther, the owner of the castle, sits here occasionally with his friends and his little dog, to whom he is devoted. A few evenings ago we were there talking of trivial matters when the little

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dog lay asleep upon the Colonel's lap. Suddenly it woke up, jumped down and rushed to the old iron gates which separate the Bower from another room. It barked furiously and made as if to chase some intruder away, nor would it give heed to its master's calling. No living soul could be seen, nor had any mortal person approached the room. When the little dog had "seen off" the invisible intruder it returned quietly to its master's knees and went to sleep again.

A day or two afterwards I learned that there is a story that in the Ladies' Bower in the year 1777 a jealous governess is supposed to have starved to death her ward. I wonder whether the little dog saw the cruel woman or the poor, emaciated child.

Miss Gladys Cooper Takes the Chair.

The popularity of Miss Gladys Cooper has been established beyond a doubt for in a competition in which a temporary offered a prize of £500 for who was the most popular actress her name headed the list. The versatility of Miss Cooper has been shown by her rendering of such diverse characters as Magda, Mrs. Tanqueray and the irrepressible Ki-Ki in the play of that name which is now running at the Playgoers Theatre. It is interesting news to learn that Miss Gladys Cooper will preside at the annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund to be held at the Savoy on Sunday, Oct. 7.



Miss Gladys Cooper.

Upon My Soul!

I have just heard a good story—incidentally it is brand new—about Bishop Gore, who I see is to preside at the Church House valedictory demonstration in honour of the Bishop of Zanzibar, the spiritualist prelate from East Africa.

A clerical friend of Dr. Gore's who had been persuaded to read H. G. Wells's "Soul of a Bishop," was so struck with the novel that he sent it to the celebrated divine with an enthusiastic commendation and the query—"What about it?"

Dr. Gore read the book as in friendship bound, and returned it with the terse comment, "Sorry. It isn't my soul."

Fostershire.

It looks rather as if Worcestershire will once again come to be known as "Fostershire" in cricketing circles. The successful batting of Mr. M. K. Foster has been quite the feature of this closing stages of the season. If I am not mistaken, for some years past Mr. M. K. Foster has been residing in the Straits Settlements. All lovers of the game hope that he may in the future be able to spend the summer months at any rate in England.

A Noted Revival.

Although London is supposed to be empty of celebrities at this time of the year, there was a goodly crowd of well-known people and ardent first-nighters at the Haymarket for the revival of "The Prisoner of Zenda." Somerset Maugham was in the stalls with his wife, Marie Leher occupied a box with her husband, Anthony Prinsep, and Eddie Marsh, Mrs. Geo. Marks, who rarely misses a first night, Sir Douglas Straight, Margaret Bannerman and Constance Collier were all busy greeting friends during the intervals. Pretty Mrs. Robert Lorraine was also there to watch her talented husband and to share in his triumph.

L.L.P. Attack on London.

The L.L.P., impressed with the success of their Glasgow comrades in having Sunday meetings and lectures in the theatres of that city, intend to follow their example. They have chartered the Regent Theatre and the South London Palace, and are negotiating for others for a ten weeks' Sunday campaign. Mr. Bernard Shaw, Miss Maud Royden, Mr. R. Smillie, M.P., Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., Mr. Ben Turner, M.P., Prof. Soddy, Canon Donaldson and others will be amongst the lecturers.

It is proposed in this campaign to include several debates between prominent Socialists and anti-Socialists, and Mr. A. Buchanan (of "The Workers' Searchlight") has been invited to act as intermediary and secure the anti-Socialist representatives, who it is hoped will in some cases be members of Parliament.

RANDOM RHYMES.

Though times are sadly out of joint,
I've managed still to "stick it";
I've had some golf, and made a point
Of following the cricket.

I've seen a bit of boxing, too,
And done a little racing;
And hope, before the winter's through
To see some steeplechasing.

But now the days are getting short,
And keener grows the weather,
I am, like every other "sport,"
Devoted to the leather.

Though times be bad, yet all the same
He must a sorry mug be
Who can't get comfort from a game
Of Soccer or of Rugby.

For me, while life shall last, and I've
A shilling in the locker,
In spite of all, I'll still contrive
To see a game of Soccer.

CIGARETTE PAPERS.

FOR AFTER DINNER SMOKING.

By the Lounge.

IT is a remarkable thing that when a famous Rembrandt, or other object of art, is announced to be about to "leave the country" some rich patriots are frequently found to purchase it "for the nation," most of whom never have any chance of seeing it. There is, too, no difficulty in obtaining support for those huge sweepstakes which make some of our horseraces events of what used to be called "national importance."

But when it is pointed out that Henry Spallinger, the Swiss bacteriologist, has spent his own fortune and what other money he could obtain in trying to save the world from the scourge of consumption, and seems likely to succeed, if he does not die of starvation in the meanwhile—or at least to have to abandon his work for lack of funds—people say politely, "Such a pity, isn't it?" By the way, have you seen Ludo Galantino in "The Strick"? Oh, he's simply too wonderful . . .

Why on earth does not someone start a house-to-house collection? The poor would contribute, at least.

The Prince of Wales is to visit Canada in September, where on his ranch in Alberta he will live the life of a rancher for a month.—All the Press.

AFTER a strenuous season of public duties done, the Prince is to take a well-deserved holiday in the Golden West. I have studied with deep interest ranch-life as revealed by the cinematograph, and I can imagine with what zest he will don the leathern calzoneros and high-heeled boots with saucer-rowelled spurs, the embroidered jacket, silk shirt, wide-brimmed hat and pistol-belt, coil his lariat loosely round his pommel and leap into the high-peaked Mexican saddle of his wild mustang.

After a world of top hats and morning coats, of opening bazaars and laying foundation-stones and signing autograph books, it will be an immense relief for H.R.H. to get Right Away from Frills and mix with real He-men who will call him "Dave" and admit him to the fellowship of the rodeo and the tortilleras.

There is so much to do in the West that one can never be dull. There are train robbers to be arrested; beautiful girls in men riding-boots to be saved from Bad Men in Rocky Canyons; members of the Royal North-West police force to be rescued after having fought (single-handed) three hundred desperadoes for ninety-seven hours under a succession of hot suns; and, of course, there is the daily milking of the steers and the making of the butter and cheese and the shrodding of the wheat for the world's markets. There is a great truth in the old couplet:

Producers toil while there is sun,
But the Cowboy's work is never done.

THE Riots of Morocco, who prefer to regulate their own affairs than to rely on the guidance of Spain, and have set up a republic for that purpose, propose to raise a loan in London for the construction of a railway. According to their agent the natives carry gold slung round their waists, and make all purchases in gold, silver and platinum, for it is a rich country, well provided with coal, oil and minerals.

I should feel inclined to pay a visit to this land flowing with golden mine, were it not for the unpleasant experience of an Earnest Friend of mine who set out to Do Good to a similar tribe known as the Raffis. (Intermarriage has produced, I believe, a mixed race of low caste, the Riff Raffs.)

My friend proposed to supply the childish natives, in exchange for such dross as gold and silver ornaments, with articles of Real Value in the Home, such as braces, safety-rasors, ground-sheets, rubber (may be used as cycling ponchos), mess-tins (respect.), trench coats, D.B. three linings (500 only, 4 sizes), cigarette-lighters, trench-knives, serviceable (suitable for gardening) knives, stamped steel blades, and other things which he generously purchased from the Government in order to help to reduce the National Debt.

On arrival at the Riff frontier, however, a hefty native, smiling childishly, turned out the guard, and my friend was invited to step into a Ford van that was waiting with steam up, so to speak, and driven swiftly to the capital.

There he was brought before a high Riffian Minister in a handsomely appointed room and asked if he wished to make any statement.

"No brings you lovelies gifts, O Inkosi," he replied, putting himself together. "Bayé! Bayé! Avanti! savois, kruschen we bayanas no have, post-quoi? Aibinis!"

He was just warming to his work when the Minister cut him short somewhat rudely.

"How is the exchange?" he asked, turning to a secretary.

"One hundred Riffian threepens to the English pound note, Excellency."

"Very well. Give this fellow twenty-five threepens for his goods, and throw him out of the country."

"But they cost me thousands," protested my friend.

"Tut! interrupted the Minister. "You got them through a pal on the Disposals Board. Hold, take him away."

"If he complains to his Government, Excellency!"

"True. I am too busy to write Notes. Throw him to the ecclesiastics."

My friend eventually got away a poorer and ever so much wiser man.



THE FRUITS OF VICTORY.
(Great Britain is the only nation paying war debts and receiving nothing.)

WHISPERING WOODFORD.

REV. E. C. WHEELER'S PLANS.

NOT TO RESIGN.

£23 PARISH GIFT.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)
Woodford (Essex), Saturday.
Greatly benefited in health, if not perfectly restored, the Rev. E. C. E. Wheeler, vicar of St. Barnabas Church, Woodford, intends to resume his parochial duties on Monday.

This was the definite information given to me by one who has been in close contact with the vicar and his family since they left the district two months ago.

Quite recently sensational rumours regarding Mr. Wheeler have agitated the parish, the latest being that he had placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Chelmsford.

It was to test the truth of this that I visited the parish to-day, but in no quarter could I find confirmation. On the contrary, I was assured by at least three persons had received letters from him in which he expressed his eagerness to resume his church work, which even his opponents acknowledge he performs with zeal and fidelity.

"He says he is quite recovered," declared my informant, "and when he returns on Monday we shall be glad to welcome him."

The statement that he had gone to Westcliff, made public at the time of his arrival home following his disappearance, was not true, for he and Mrs. Wheeler with their children simply went to spend a holiday with the vicar's brother in Cornwall.

Mr. Wheeler's supporters in the church needed no persuasion to raise a fund for the purpose, and about £23 was immediately forthcoming.

"We are all glad to know that he is better, and the poorer people here especially will be delighted to receive him. Most of the mischief which has caused him such suffering is due to outsiders, for his own people have never lost faith in him."

OUTSIDE MISCHIEF-MAKERS.
I found the vicarage closed, but a visit to the church, a short distance away, proved that everything is ready for Mr. Wheeler to resume his duties. Unimpaired externally, the building is most attractive within, and spotlessly clean. The crowded congregations which were the rule at the time of his disappearance have dwindled with the gradual elimination of the merely curious, but it is a fair assumption that he will not lack hearers when he returns to his pulpit.

The vicar's warden readily discussed with me the rumoured resignation. "So far as I know," he said, "I can quite definitely deny the rumour, for Mr. Wheeler has intimated to me his intentions regarding the work of the parish. It is surely obvious that if he had intended to resign he would have informed his warden, and up to now we have had no word to that effect."

"Indeed, I think I may say that his resignation is most unlikely. Loyally as they have worked during the vicar's absence, his supporters have had to contend with serious difficulties, and in the last four weeks Woodford has been a parish without a priest, or, to use the actual words of the current parish magazine, a parish with 'no priest actually on the spot.'"

OFFERTORIES ROBBERED.
After the vicar disappeared last June his brother, the Rev. A. Wheeler, took charge of the parish for a fortnight. He then had to return to his own parish, and the church officers of St. Barnabas carried on with the help of the Rev. Charles Kay, a master at Chigwell Grammar School, who has assisted Mr. Wheeler at the Sunday services since it was necessary, for financial reasons, to dispense with a curate a few years ago.

Mr. Kay being away during August the Sunday services have been taken this month by the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, of Croydon, whose visit each week end has been limited to 24 hours.

Ever since Miss Gladys Pryce, a teacher in St. Barnabas Sunday school and a popular soloist in the church, mysteriously vanished some 19 months ago, the parish has been the scene of a series of disquieting rumours and incidents.

A curious feature of the affair is that several acts of sacrilege have recently occurred at the church, offertory boxes being broken open, robbed of their contents and then thrown into a neighbouring field.

"HANG ON HERE."

Misleading Author's Mystery Message to Young Wife.

Overstrain due to work on a novel which he was writing is believed by his wife to be the cause of the disappearance of Mr. George Henry Percy Barlow, a retired tea-planter and author, who has been missing from his home in Vernon-terrace, Brighton, since Wednesday.

"He kissed me good-bye as usual when he went out," said his young wife to a representative of "The People" yesterday, "and told me to meet him at the usual place for lunch."

"He did not keep the appointment, and when I went home I found a note saying 'Waited twenty minutes. Hang on here.'"

I found he had taken away an attaché case containing books, papers, and a cheque book."

His description, issued by the police is: Age about 50 (looks much older); height, 5 ft. 6 in.; blue eyes, sallow complexion; wearing a black suit and spectacles.

Concealing himself behind a curtain at St. Saviour's Roman Catholic Church, Lewisham, Father Herlihy, the priest, watched Francis Bridgman (22), of Brightfield-road, Lee, take a purse from a woman's bag. Bridgman was placed on probation for two years.



The Crush and Comfort of Football and Cricket as contrasted by yesterday's crowds at the Arsenal match and Lord's ground.

THE CINEMA WAR ON M.P.s.

HOW THE GOVERNMENT AVOIDED DEFEAT.

The cinema campaign on the entertainment tax which "The People" last week disclosed, has been the subject of widespread discussion in the Press during the past few days, since all members of Parliament who did not vote are being "put through it" with threats of pillorying on the screen.

Nor is this all. Those members who did not give effect by their votes to their election promises are equally being called to book, and in their respective districts vigorous campaigns are in progress.

Thus Mr. Peter Davey, the well-known Portsmouth theatre proprietor, has been denouncing the vote of Mr. Privett, M.P., who apparently promised to support the campaign against the tax, but failed to do so. Mr. Davey also wrote to the late Chief Whip, Colonel Leslie Wilson, who then sat for South Portsmouth, asking him what he thought of his fellow-member's action.

In replying, Colonel Leslie Wilson wrote:

"With regard to Mr. Privett, I think he took an absolutely correct line. Had he and others in a similar position to himself voted against the Government, the Government would have been defeated, and as a defeat on the Finance Bill is, in fact, a vote of censure on the Government, the Government would, in all probability, have resigned, while the principal pledge which Mr. Privett and others gave at the General Election was to support the Conservative Party. In these circumstances I do not see how Mr. Privett could have given any other vote than he did."

This explanation, however, does not satisfy the entertainment industry, though the theatres and music halls do not like the threat of pillorying the members on the screen and will probably take early steps to dissociate themselves from it.

THEIR SC-OFFERTORY.

ICE-CREAM TEMPTATION AT CHURCH DOORS.

Complaints from a Sunday school superintendent that ice-cream vendors stood outside the church and induced scholars to squander their collection money on ice-cream have been reported to Glasgow Corporation by the chief constable.

The corporation is considering the complaints in connection with proposals for new regulations affecting street vendors, and a deputation of ice-cream vendors has also been received.

ROMANCE OF AGED SPIRITUALIST.

"WAITING FOR CALL." DEATH LINK WITH A FORMER LOVER.

The life story of Mr. Outram Homewood, of Regent-sq., W.C., who was found dead in his flat seated in a chair with his knees fixed in a gas stove, is one of romance and spiritualism. He frequently attended seances and became known as "Uncle Dick." "I am waiting for the call," he used to say to his friends, and apparently the call came—in the pathetic form of an outlandish while of unsound mind was returned.

Mr. Homewood, a bachelor of 74, was formerly an architect in the Metropolitan Board of Works, and took up spiritualism on his retirement. Side by side with his interest in things occult moved the spirit of romance, revealed to a representative of "The People" by a neighbour.

"I got into my place before the congregation arrived. I played right through the service, experiencing only little difficulty with the pedals. When you consider I had not been able to raise myself from my chair previously, I think it was splendid."

Miss Brigham attributes her miraculous recovery, partial as yet, to will power. Specialists had failed to effect any improvement in her condition, and at times she was as helpless as a babe.

HALL PORTER AS 'TEC.

AMATEUR SHERLOCK HOLMES' FOURTH CAPTURE.

Mr. Whitby, hall porter at the Grand Hotel, Clacton, and a spare-time Sherlock Holmes, enhanced his reputation as an amateur detective by bringing off his fourth capture yesterday.

Through his smartness a man alleged to have posed as "Sir George Carter" is now under arrest on a charge of false pretences.

The man arrived on Thursday with very little luggage, and booked a room, asking Whitby to keep his "identity" secret.

On Friday night he mingled with the dancers at the hotel, and subsequently, it is said, endeavoured to get Whitby to go off duty.

The sleuth in Whitby, however, was thoroughly aroused, and he kept his man under close observation the whole night. The detention by the police followed.

WATER-RATIONS TOWN.

SUMMONS THAT MAY AFFECT 20,000 PEOPLE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Southend, Saturday.
A new turn in the water-shortage crisis here is developing.

Twenty thousand people may be affected by the action of a well-known resident, who intends to summon the Southend Water Company on the grounds that the contract between the company and the consumer to provide an adequate supply of water, and for which payment has been made in advance, has been broken, and for none of the legitimate reasons provided for by Act of Parliament.

Public opinion here has reached a lively pitch. Although the supply is now almost normal again, it is felt that there must be no repetition of the shortage next year.

The Town Council has definitely decided to appeal to the Ministry of Health.

PENSIONER'S SELF-DENIAL.

Priser's Thanks for Hardly-earned Hospital Donation.

A touching story of self-sacrifice in circumstances of real privation is revealed in a letter, accompanying a subscription of £5, received by the King Edward Hospital Fund for London.

The writer, a retired governess, mentioned that it had taken her a year to save up the subscription out of her tiny income.

For ten years she has been in receipt of an old age pension, out of which she at once renewed the subscription she used formerly to give out of her earnings.

This self-denial has been rewarded by a letter sent by special command of the Prince of Wales, thanking her for the "constant support, which, despite her circumstances, she has given for so many years."

THE LINERS' RACE.

Captain David, commander of the Olympic, which arrived at Southampton yesterday, characterised the statement that he had agreed to race with the Leviathan as "ridiculous."

He pointed out that the Olympic only made an average speed of 22 knots, and was left behind seven hours after leaving New York.

The Leviathan reached Southampton on Friday afternoon, having completed the trip from New York in 5 days 11 hours 16 minutes.

THE MISSING BRIDEGROOM.

POLICE OFFICIAL GOES ABROAD.

BRUSSELS VISIT.

LETTER TO BRIDE.

Mr. William Laidlaw, assistant to the magistrate's clerk at the West London Police Court, officially reported missing yesterday, the day after that fixed for his wedding, has been traced to Brussels.

Before his departure he left two letters, one addressed to his chief at the police and the other to Miss Lena Moran, his fiancée.

The latter epistle, it is stated, contained an explanation, and a plea that the wedding be cancelled.

Miss Moran, a pretty Scots girl, who had been staying with her aunt at Haverstock Hill, has now returned to her home at Edinburgh.

The couple had been engaged for some years, and Friday's ceremony was to have taken place at a Roman Catholic Church at Hampstead. Mr. Laidlaw was of the Roman Catholic faith, but his fiancée was Protestant, a circumstance which has led to rumours of religious difficulties.

A representative of "The People" was last night informed by the rector of the church in question, however, that there is no truth in these rumours. Hammersmith police department last night authorised a statement that Mr. Laidlaw, who is said to be officially on holiday, is not involved in any difficulties in connection with his work as a police court official.

When Miss Moran called at her fiancée's home at Kew a week yesterday, she found that he had not returned from his office overnight. She paid another visit to Kew on the Sunday, and as there was still no news of him, went to his office on the Monday.

Here she was informed of the existence of the notes he had left for her and for his chief.

Mr. Laidlaw, who is a member of a well-known Edinburgh family, has been an official at the West London police court for two years.

He is a keen "Rugby" player, and was to have played at Richmond during the coming season.

During the war he served in the Tank Corps, receiving a wound in the head.

He is believed to have been in Brussels a week.

PIONEER AIRMAN DEAD.

One of the old school of aviators, Mr. William Lawrence Hartman, the second son of Captain Harry Hartman, late Mayor of Blackpool, has died at Brighton.

He obtained a pilot's certificate in 1911, and first went in the air in a 35 h.p. Blériot monoplane. He joined the former Royal Flying Corps, and served in France and England.

After the war he became a technical officer to the Air Board. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

THE CAT THAT GOT GOALS.

How Horace Followed Form in the Football Field.

I met Horace yesterday at the club in the lunch hour. He was full up; part of which was lunch, the rest being enthusiasm. He is a staunch supporter of the Gunners.

"They will win," he said. "They can't help it; in fact, they've won already, and if there is any doubt about them bringing it off, that will soon be dispelled by this."

And, to my astonishment, he produced a live black kitten, with a piece of blue ribbon tied round its neck. "It's been luck to me ever since we first met at the top of our flight of stairs at the office. I shall never forget it. Blotto—that's its name—got between my legs, and threw me down the whole of the 'apples and pears,' and I reached the bottom before I knew I had left the top. This lightening journey nearly broke my leg, but it cured a slight deafness I had in my left ear for years. Don't you call that lucky?"

I hesitated at qualifying this strange form of luck. Horace, seizing his opportunity, resumed his tale. "I backed a horse the other day. Slowfoot, for the Kestrel Stakes, with Blotto in my pocket. Slowfoot would have won, but two others horses, Sleeping Beauty and Split Hoof, got in front of him, but I got my stake money, two bob, and got a fourpence back, as he was third. Well, I nearly got it back, but some hungry-looking man who must have had wings on his ankles snatched it away and did a record sprint with it."

"But that was not lucky," I remarked, "and I cannot see where Blotto as a mascot comes in."

"Ah!" said Horace, "Blotto came in all right. Look here, if I had taken that money I might have had too much of a good time with it, and that poor fellow with the flying feet beat without a dinner. Then look what happened last night. I had promised the missus

to come home early, but happening to meet a few friends, we began discussing of the present gravity of beer—I mean the situation in the Rhur. Time flew like that hungry man with my two and fourpence, and I came home late. Well, I crept into the house, took off my boots, did the Red Indian act so that I should not wake her, when I fell over Blotto with an awful crash."

"That was not lucky," I said.

"Yes it was. It woke up the missus from a dreadful nightmare," resumed Horace. "Hello," he said, looking at his watch. "I must be off. I've just got forty minutes to get to Highbury."

I met him later on in the local club. He was full of grief he had missed Blotto. "Just after the Gunners had scored a goal, too," he said. "Ah! I shall have no more good luck now."

I tried to comfort him. However, he was soon consoled, for a boy who knew him turned up with the truant Blotto.

"Now," he said, "my luck will be in. I know the Gunners have won. Get me a paper quick, Horace, my lad. The shop press of a damp sheet of an evening paper showed, alas! too plainly that the Gunners had lost by three goals to the lads of Newcastle."

"That's done it," said Horace, to a gloomy-faced man. "Bill, you take Blotto; it might do you a bit of good." It did. The gloomy man, who also had had ten shillings on Fair Castalian, discovered in the same paper that it had won at eight to one, and is loud in his praises of Blotto, and would not part with him for a fortune.

"And by the way," said Horace, like a man who has thrown off the bonds of superstition, "Mind all you chaps get 'The People' and see what they're doing about football."

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ARGYLE'S HOME RECORD BROKEN.

WEAKENED EXETER TEAM MEET WITH HEAVY DEFEAT.

NEWPORT COUNTY 2, EXETER CITY 1.
Newport's opening game was played in a heavy rain, but the home side, which included two new forwards and two halves, Exeter had several new players, but were without Gallagher.

Exeter were unfortunate in having to play ten men for the greater portion of the game, through the injury to Crayshaw. The other half were lucky through Newport's inability to score their first goal. The attacking throughout the game, and Exeter were fortunate in being level at the interval.

During the first half both sides had given their best, and much of the work of the wing was brilliant. Credit must be given to Exeter for their defence, and their backs were very good. The Newport attack was helped greatly by the play of the Newport halves, who did well, even if known at times as rather weak. The Newport halves were not at half, and were perhaps the best half playing.

Newport's home did not improve after the interval. Newport scored a penalty, but within a few minutes Cook, after a brilliant effort, scored for Newport.

The second half was a very close one. The Newport attack was helped greatly by the play of the Newport halves, who did well, even if known at times as rather weak. The Newport halves were not at half, and were perhaps the best half playing.

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BLACKBURN ROVERS 2, CHELSEA 1.
Chelsea's visit to Blackburn has never produced victory since the initial game, played in 1907. The initial game was a draw, and the Rovers' form they are not likely to achieve their desirable ambition.

Their defeat was the heaviest ever sustained at Ewood Park, and on the whole it was well deserved.

Play was moderately even in the first half, when McKay, eight minutes from the start, created an opening for his partner, Byers, Blackburn's return from Huddersfield Town. The latter's brilliant centre was met by a trip, who scored.

In the second half the home men practically dominated the game, and additional goals came from Harper and McKay. Harper, newly acquired from the Leeds team, nipped in, and he and Hampton were next seen struggling together. Chelsea vigorously protested that the ex-cent player had been fouled, and it certainly appeared as if he pushed the ball into the net.

The referee, Mr. Crew, of Leicester, was adamant, however, and the point was allowed.

Later Harper thrice came near scoring, and Crisp had a goal disallowed for off-side. There were occasions when the Rovers' defence was placed in a tight corner, and when the diminutive Crawford, from Hull City, of whom little was seen during the match, made a point-blank drive at Howell.

The keeper showed many mistakes on the ground, and just managed to save. Though the play of the Rovers left much to be desired, they deserved their win, if not for their clever workmanship in the first half.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1, PORTSMOUTH 2.
Plymouth Argyle came off age yesterday, when the club entered its first season at Home Park. Plymouth Argyle were without Baker and Batten, whilst Miller, Portsmouth's new centre-half, was absent. Play in the first half was remarkably keen, and there was practically nothing to choose between the teams.

Portsmouth still possess the effective set of forwards who did such good service last season. Well led by Haines, they gave a lot of trouble, particularly to Miller and Macie on the right, and Mackie, Haines, and Beattie were all responsible for some good attempts at scoring. Russell and Forbes, however, were not very safe.

The first half was far advanced when the Argyle ought to have scored, for Fowler had only the custodian to beat as the result of a good movement by Corcoran and Little, but he sent weakly over. He made amends, however, a minute before the interval, when he smartly outstripped the defence and beat Kane with a lovely shot.

Irretrievable Forwards.
The Argyle did not retain the lead long, for no sooner had the game been resumed after the interval than Beattie found a corner. With a smart shot from the Haines cleverly found the net. This success was followed up, for the visiting forwards, playing irretrievably, were again dangerous, and Mackie really outwitted Russell and Beattie on the left. This reverse took the steam out of Argyle for some time, and they were forced to come out after the interval, when he smartly outstripped the defence and beat Kane with a lovely shot.

After a time, however, Argyle reasserted themselves, and put for a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Kane would have scored. Fowler, Leslie, Corcoran and Raymond all made great attempts to get through.

Portsmouth have a team which will go far. Kane was great in goal, Forbes and Robert sound backs, and their halves were all good, with Parker prominent. Mackie, Leslie, Corcoran and Raymond were the best of a splendid, thoughtful unit.

Argyle generally did well, but the defence was caught napping occasionally. Fowler tried to do well, but he needed a big vet. Deson was a success at centre-half, and the other halves and the defence generally were satisfactory.

This was the Argyle's first home defeat in two years.

READING UNLUCKY. Undeservedly Beaten After Early Lead.

WATFORD 2, READING 1.
Watford relied to a large extent on last year's players for their game with Reading, only Poole, centre-half, and Anstiss and Foxhall, on the left wing, being new faces. Reading, on the other hand, had a new centre-half, and two backs, centre-forward, and left half.

The visitors got a pace at first to which Watford were quite unable to respond. The result was that the Watford defence was overworked, and in the end, Jennings opened the score with a splendid drive well out of the reach of Williams. The visitors were quite unable to hold the three inside forwards.

Eventually Watford took a hand in the game, and Poole had a shot with a shot which came back off the bar. Reading failed to clear their lines, and when Poole sent the ball across goal, Jennings was alone at the goal. The form after this was by no means good on either side, little ball control being shown. Poole was too closely watched to come through the defence, and the Reading halves were the strongest department of their side, and they dominated the play to a great extent.

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NELSON'S ADVENTURE. Orient Extended But Not Defeated.

NELSON 1, CLAPTON ORIENT 1.
Nelson attacked strongly from the start of the match, and within a few minutes Hutchinson, of the home team, was awarded a penalty against Smith.

After the free kick the visitors brightened up considerably, broad headed over the goal, and Wood scored a fine save for the home side.

Black again forced the ball into the Orient's goal, but Wood once again cleverly saved. Nelson were now having a free for the home side, and within a few minutes there was an exciting moment outside the goal. Towards half-time play became rather rough, and neither side had scored.

Play was very slack in the early portion of the second half, but after five minutes Nelson got away on the right wing, and Williams shot widely over the bar when well placed.

Seventeen minutes after the suspension Nelson scored a glorious goal for Nelson from thirty yards' range. For some time after this Nelson seemed content, but they could not increase their following. The game was a draw, and Nelson forced a fruitless corner.

MISS McHANE BEATEN. WATFORD 2, READING 1.

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PENALTY MISSED. PALACE DISAPPOINTED.

BRISTOL CITY LOSE AFTER DESERVING TO DRAW.

BRISTOL CITY 1, MANCHESTER UNITED 2.
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AMATEUR LEAGUE GAMES YESTERDAY.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS ABOUT THE CLUB AND PLAYERS.

(By HAV.)

Although the football season commenced only yesterday, long before that time officials of amateur clubs were troubled with players who had sustained injuries during the course of preparation. Itford will be deprived of the services of their custodian, A. W. C. Bayes, but in this case a motor-cycle accident was the immediate cause of the injuries received.

It may not be generally known that Bayes competed in this year's A.A.A. sprint championships as a member of the Hene Hall Harriers, though unplaced in the final. He has also seen service in the Royal Air Force as a flight-officer, and captained the Uxbridge Depot Soccer eleven during many successful seasons.

Speaking to the Tufnell Park secretary prior to the game at Wimbledon yesterday he confirmed the report that H. Norman, their brilliant young goalkeeper, would be unable to take his place between the posts for many weeks owing to a bad ankle injury. This is a terrible misfortune for both the player and his club, for there are few more popular custodians in Isthmian League football than Norman. (Only 20 years of age, he had played for the Hene Hall Harriers against the Corinthians at the Palace last Roving Day, and has just recently returned from Sweden, where he played many times as a member of the London F.A. representative team.)

W. Gifford, who during the past season transferred from one club to another, has finally settled down at Dulwich Hamlet, where he will doubtless prove that he is more than a useful outside right. Many other players have also returned from their wanderings, and included among them is Sid Marshall, who has seen service with Fulham and Luton, but now back at Leytonstone, where he will operate in the half-back line. Gifford has formerly been a back, and will in future be found keeping goal for Wimbledon.

The latter club were at home to Tufnell Park for the opening game yesterday.

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MANY THRILLS IN THE GREAT KICK-OFF.

SURPRISE FOR CHAMPIONS.

HOME TEAMS' GOOD DAY.

ARSENAL FAIL BADLY. VILLA'S DOWNFALL.

THERE were many interesting results in the opening League matches of the season yesterday, two of the most important being the defeat of the champions by West Bromwich Albion, and the promising debut of West Ham United in the first League. The London team took a point from Sunderland at Roker Park, a fine performance.

Another outstanding result was that in the great Midland "Derby" between Birmingham and Aston Villa at St. Andrew's. This was the twenty-first meeting of the rivals, and of the previous season the Villa had won ten and Birmingham six, the remaining four being drawn.

Birmingham, despite the absence through injury of Vonnack, one of the best defenders in the country, defeated the Villa Park eleven in decisive fashion by three clear goals. Bradford scoring twice. The Villa did not play Dr. Milne, their Aberdeen acquisition, nor Roxburgh, the young amateur who did so well forward last season.

The results, as usual, went favourably for home sides, and apart from two games in which the kick-off was very late, there were twenty-five successes for clubs playing on their own ground, while eleven more drew and only eight suffered defeat. In all 71 goals were scored by home teams in the English League, and 37 by the visitors.

Newcastle United enjoyed the distinction of being the only club to win away from home in the first Division, and not only that, their score of 4-1 was only beaten in one instance by Wrexham, who beat Ashington by 4-0. One other club scored four times, Derby County beating Stockport County 4-1.

Manchester City had a happy opening to their magnificent new ground, beating Sheffield United 2-1, while 60,000 attended. A feature of the game was the saving of a penalty by Pantling, who had gone in goal in place of Trough, who was hurt.

Nottingham, the other club to rise to the first Division, opened with a victory at home against Burnley. Bolton Wanderers, the Cup holders, lost at Cardiff to the old goal club in the first Division.

In the second Division, more clubs failed than in the first. Wrexham, 1-0, only Bury and Derby County winning. Bristol City, who gained promotion, lost to Manchester United; while Nelson, the other newcomer to the League, did creditably in sharing the points with Clapton Orient.

Nelson's progress has been remarkable, for it is only about four years ago that they were admitted to the Central League. The two clubs relegated from the premier division—Oldham Athletic and Stoke—both drew their matches.

UNLUCKY ANNIVERSARY.
A notable result in the Southern clubs of the third League was the defeat of Portsmouth by their first reverses at home in two years. It coincided with the club's coming of age, Saturday being the 21st anniversary of its formation. Bournemouth United, new members of the League, lost at Swindon. Wolverhampton Wanderers, unfortunate in having to go down to the Third Division, drew at Chesterfield, and Bradford did no better on their own ground against New Brighton.

London clubs, as a whole, did not start well. Six of them played at home, but only Tottenham Hotspur, Charlton Athletic and Queen's Park Rangers made the most of that opportunity. Chelsea had a bad time at Blackburn, where the Rovers won 3-0, and The Arsenal at Highbury, where they were beaten by Newcastle United. West Ham drew, as did Millwall at Norwich, but Crystal Palace and Fulham were both beaten on their own grounds.

There were several fine individual performances, the best being Johnson's "hat-trick" for Swindon. Town against Bournemouth, while Cotton, of the Swindon, scored three goals against Ashington.

As is usually the case on the opening day of the season, injuries were plentiful.

HANNAFORD FAILS. OPPORTUNITIES MISSED FOR CHARLTON.

CHARLTON A. S. ABERDARE A. S.
The glamour which one associates with the opening of the season was not in evidence at the Valley ground, and it was a small and sedate crowd which saw Charlton beat Aberdare by 3-1.

Discover, with the exception of the last quarter, the first half was unenterprising with both teams better in defence than attack, so that there was very little combination, and practically no shooting worth mentioning.

Hagyard, the old Millwall player, who had been in the Arsenal, was hardly in his best form, for while he made some nice wing passes, he was disappointing in front of goal, and his efforts to beat the Aberdare defence single-handed never looked the succeeding.

Nor was this due to lack of opportunity, for Whalley, who had been through repeatedly in his own fashion.

Apart from Whalley, Plum was noticeable in the full-back line, and the work of Hargrave, who was a regular in the Charlton defence. Apart from holding his own wing in check, he gave material assistance to his partner, who was beaten seven times.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL FACTS AND FIGURES AT A GLANCE: THE GOAL SCORERS.

FIRST LEAGUE.		SECOND LEAGUE.		THIRD LEAGUE (SOUTHERN).		THIRD LEAGUE (NORTHERN).	
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BLACKBURN (Lancashire) 3	CHELSEA (London) 0	BURY (Lancashire) 1	ROTHAMPTON (Sussex) 0	NEWPORT C. (Wales) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1	CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire) 1	WOLVERHAMPTON (Worcestershire) 1
CLIFTON HARRIS (Worcestershire) 1	BOLTON W. (Lancashire) 3	COVENTRY CITY (Warwickshire) 1	BRANLEY (Warwickshire) 1	NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire) 1	BRIGHTON & HOVE (Sussex) 1	DARLINGTON (County Durham) 1	ACRINGTON N. (Lancashire) 1
EVERTON (Liverpool) 1	NOTT. FOREST (Nottingham) 1	CRYSTAL PALACE (London) 1	PORT VALE (Sussex) 1	SWANSEA T. (Wales) 1	LUTON TOWN (Bedfordshire) 1	DONCASTER R. (Yorkshire) 1	WIGAN BOROUGH (Lancashire) 1
HUDDESFIELD T. 1	MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorkshire) 1	DERBY COUNTY (Derbyshire) 1	STOCKPORT C. (Cheshire) 1	NORWICH CITY (Norfolk) 1	MILLWALL (Kent) 1	LINCOLN CITY (Lincolnshire) 1	BRISTOL TOWN (Glos.) 1
MANCHESTER U. (Manchester) 1	WEST HAM U. (London) 1	FULHAM (London) 1	SOUTH SHIELDS (Tyne and Wear) 1	SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1	ROCHDALE (Lancashire) 1	DURHAM CITY (County Durham) 1
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SUNDERLAND (Sunderland) 1	WESTON N.E. (Wiltshire) 1	THE WEDNESDAY (Staffordshire) 1	LEEDS UNITED (West Yorkshire) 1	SWINDON TOWN (Wiltshire) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1	SOUTHPORT C. (Merseyside) 1	ALLEN (Lancashire) 1
TOTTENHAM H. (Tottenham) 1	LIVERPOOL (Liverpool) 1	STOKE (Staffordshire) 1	CLAPTON ORIENT (Essex) 1	WATFORD (Herts.) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1	TRAFALGAR ROVERS (Kent) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1
WEST BROMWICH A. (West Bromwich) 1	LIVERPOOL (Liverpool) 1	NELSON (Lancashire) 1	CLAPTON ORIENT (Essex) 1	MERTHYR (Glamorgan) 1	BRISTOL ROVERS (Glos.) 1	WREXHAM (Shropshire) 1	ASHINGTON (Northumberland) 1

NEWCASTLE OPEN WITH A WIN.

ARSENAL BEATEN BY ONE-BACK GAME.

ARSENAL 1, NEWCASTLE UNITED 4 (By KESTREL)
With all the conditions favouring good football, it cannot be said that 45,000 enthusiasts saw a good game at Highbury, this being particularly the case in the opening half when there was an inordinate amount of misdirection by the defence, Mackie and Kennedy, being particularly at fault, with Hampson and Hudds also very uncertain.

The opening goal, ten minutes from the start, was the result of a misdirection by Mackie, when Seymour scored an easy goal. Only one new player was on view, and this was Woods, an inside-right from Tyne-side, who played for the Arsenal.

Strangely it was to note on the very threshold of the campaign the slow pace of the game and an almost entire absence of constructive football. Neil Harris tried hard to get his wing men going, but both Atkin and McDonald were too easily deprived of the ball by Butler, John, and one.

Turnbull was for ever foraging, but was too much on his own.

When play started Woods made a neat pass or two to Baker, and Butler early on in a shot that just went over the bar. True, McCracken, the inside king, is no longer with Newcastle, but there were many irritating outside movements in which Wood and Seymour were prominent though foolishly stationing themselves too far up the field of play.

Turnbull equalised the score after 30 minutes, his play following good play by Woods, and at half-time the teams crossed over at one goal each.

Without doubt Newcastle was on top in the second half, Harris scoring two inside ten minutes, and the second Arsenal defence.

Making the pace, Newcastle tested Mackie and Kennedy severely, and within minutes from the restart Harris following a run down, equalised the score.

Once Mackie misdirected and Robson ran out into the situation, and the Arsenal defence was in a state of confusion. Neither Toner nor Baker being clever enough to get away to centre the ball, Atkin and McDonald stood too easily deprived of the ball by Butler, John, and one.

Without doubt the wing forward and inside-left position of the Arsenal require, without doubt, the return of Dr. Patterson will be very welcome.

BURY RISE TO THE OCCASION.

WELL DESERVED VICTORY OVER SOUTHAMPTON

BURY 1, SOUTHAMPTON 1
Southampton were not a very impressive side at Bury in the first half, and though the players on both sides were frequently blundering with a slippery ball, Bury were more aggressive and dangerous in front of goal.

Southampton made several good midfield movements, but in front of goal they were not so good. One of the best chances fell to Rawlings, but he did not shape like a crack marksman.

Trench made a good run on the right wing, and once dropped the ball on to the bar, from where it went behind.

Parker and Titmus were a sturdy pair of outside backs, and the latter was rushing tactics until after Parker had once misdirected badly. Amos compelled Parker to concede a corner, which Amos placed so well that Robson scored easily.

Allen made several smart saves, particularly two flying shots from Woodhouse, at which he had to dive.



Exciting moment in front of the South Shields goal at Craven Cottage.

FULHAM FAIL.

FINE PERFORMANCE BY SOUTH SHIELDS.

FULHAM 2, SOUTH SHIELDS 1 (By BOW BELL)
Fulham started the season at Craven Cottage with a side that differed in only two respects from that which lost by a goal to nothing in the corresponding game with South Shields last April.

The absentees were Danny Shea and Croal, whose places were taken by Heard and Dove respectively. Last season Heard gained a big reputation with Southall, who finished third in the Athenian League, and he created a favourable impression on those who saw him perform in Fulham's recent matches, while Dove was secured from the Airdrieonians only a few days ago.

The visitors were in a quandary as to their team until a few minutes before the game started, when they half-backs, Hutchison and Hird, were taken suddenly ill in the train, and a doctor had to be called in on arrival in London. Hutchison was nursed in the hospital, and Hird had to remain in bed. Smith, going from inside right to right half-back and Hetherington taking his place.

Perhaps the disability under which their side was labouring, the South Shields men to strive their utmost; anyway they have a most plucky display, although naturally Hird was unable to show his best to the occasion. Both sets of forwards were outside the penalty area, and the visitors full-backs their own during the first half, in which neither side was able to get the ball into the net.

Southampton's half-backs had little to do, and Campbell's height helped him more than once to get his side out of tight corners. Shelley was equally clever, whilst the full-backs were the most dangerous wing, fairly successful.

Their weakness was forward, for at close quarters neither Dominay nor Andrews were very successful, neither goal being scored by the initiatory methods of Weston and Carr went to waste.

Bury were value for the interval lead of one goal to nil.

Southampton were more impressive in the second half, and the Bury goal was more than once in great peril. Rawlings twice very nearly equalised, but Alan was very safe in the visitors' goal, one save from Amos doing him credit.

Parker was brought down at this stage, but the full-back was very poorly taken, and when the Saints made another effort to get within shooting range, Carr put too much elevation on his shot.

Bury were keen on defence, and never allowed their opponents much latitude. Defensive measures around were superior to attacks.

SWANSEA TOWN 1, LUTON TOWN 0.
Swansea had a new half-back line composed of Bellamy, Collins and Booth. The team were well matched, neither goal being scored by either side.

Q.P.R. BREAK A RECORD.

WIN SEASON'S FIRST MATCH AT HOME.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS 1, BRENTFORD 1 (By AVON)
Not having begun the three preceding seasons by winning, Queen's Park Rangers have good cause to feel satisfied with the result of their first match in the present campaign which provided them with two points at the expense of Brentford.

The match took place at Shepherd's Bush, and what was to be chosen between the teams is not adequately reflected by the score, the Rangers being superior all round. The display of Brentford was not up to the standard given by Queen's Park, and the visitors were very much lacking in strength, but fortunately Young kept a goal.

The shot that beat him in the thirteenth minute of the second half, and could not be blamed for letting in, as "Arker," the Rangers' centre, aimed hard and placed the ball well.

Queen's Park, on the run of the play, were good value for the lead when they secured it, for they had done the major portion of the attacking and played with the more understanding of getting through on the right and neglected to send the ball to Hughes on the left when openings for the latter to get away presented themselves.

Queen's Park swung the ball about on forward, and thereby tested both backs and half-backs.

Hughes, a new member of Brentford, who came from Sheffield United, could not find his place because Pat Hendren was Lord's playing cricket, but he was not given assistance to show what he could do, as were Keen and Benson, the new wingers doing duty for Jones's Park.

Both these men were passed by by the halves and inside forwards, and Keen did very well in going down and centring on numerous occasions. He never made a success, his dropping shot deceiving Young.

Of the two halves the latter had the more to do, and he pretty often proved a stumbling block to Birch, the Rangers' captain.

There was one other new player on the Rangers' side—Cameron, a left-half from Heart of Midlothian—and he was both energetic and skillful.

Brentford's Parker missed an early chance through this, and did the man of the same name playing for the Rangers.

NORWICH DISAPPOINT.

Lack of Understanding Yields Point to Millwall.

NORWICH CITY 1, MILLWALL 1.
Few, if any, of the 12,000 spectators of Norwich City's first match were satisfied with the display of the home team, in which there were no fewer than seven new players. This fact may be urged in extenuation, the men requiring a little more time to become better acquainted.

Had Millwall made the most of their chances they would probably have won by a good margin. As it was, Norwich scored first midway in the opening half, Dennison putting through from a corner, and it was eight minutes after the change over before Morris equalised. Millwall nearly snatched a victory in the last minute, when there was a goal, and Pither the post, in one of the best delivered attacks of the day.

Neither side had much combination, but Millwall, as was to be expected from the fact of having only two new players, showed the better understanding. Lane and Gore were the better wing, the former passing cleverly on either side. He and Morris were unfortunate with their shots, and Morris had many failures, but he was at least trying, and made many splendid efforts deserving of success. He was the outstanding forward on the field. Harrod, the tall Leicester City centre half, was a good player, and contributed much towards the failure of Norwich City's inside forwards.

The Millwall half-backs were better smelters than those of Norwich, and Hild and Pither did well at back. Crawford had less to do than Williamson, who gave a sound and stylish display, saving his side on many occasions. The experienced head of Sturges, and his keen tackling and well-placed kicking were invaluable to Norwich, and did well but the half-back line was not so satisfactory, neither in its constructive nor obstructive essentials.

Austin was the nick of the City forwards, and would have needed to be more fevered, but the inside men were not very successful as purveyors of in working for corners. Silverthorn is undoubtedly a fast winger, but his new left wing, Short and Cooke, were so unimpressive, though they were often neglected.

A FINE START BY THE 'SPURS.

TWO GOALS SCORED IN FIRST 10 MINUTES.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 2, PRESTON N.E. 1 (By MILFORD)

The Spurs made a good start to the season so far as results go, for they beat Preston North End at White Hart Lane by two goals to nothing.

It can scarcely be said, though, that the play of the home team was completely satisfactory, and they really owed their victory to the mistakes made by the Preston goalkeeper during the early stages of the contest.

The lapses of Branson, which were so costly to Preston, were all the more surprising in view of the fact that he was very well performed after the change of ends, the interval evidently providing him with the opportunity to regain his composure.

On the other hand, the 'Spurs were specially well served in goal, and those people who were surprised by the choice of Maddison as goalkeeper felt that after all the manager was right.

To get two goals in the first ten minutes of a new season was distinctly good business, and this fact, 'Spurs' accomplished was the characteristic genius of Grimstead, which led up to the first point, for the half-back went right through the defence, and shot hard for goal.

It appeared as though Branson had time to gather the ball, but instead, he pushed it out to the right, where Reed gently passed back for Lindsey to score.

Eight minutes later the Preston goalkeeper was distinctly at fault in dropping the ball, and Handley, for he dropped the ball, and Handley had an easy task to register the second goal.

Despite these set-backs, the visitors played up with the spirit, being especially good on the left wing. Quantrell and Roberts peppered hot shots at the Tottenham goal, but Maddison made magnificent saves.

The big opportunity which North End had in the first half was wasted, as the fouled Roberts in the penalty area, but Gilmour shot weakly past from the "spot." During the second half the game deteriorated, and some of the opening period evidently having had its effect on the players, not yet completely tuned up. In front of goal the Tottenham forwards were not too deadly, and both Reed and Handley shot straight at the goalkeeper when well placed.

Both teams were well served at half-back, and Grimstead was his masterful self, receiving valuable help from Smith and Walters.

At Preston middle men the man who surprised was Joe McCall, the veteran centre-half, who was said to be retiring many moons ago. True he did not quite stay the course, but his intelligent anticipation and complete control of the ball were admirable.

GILLINGHAM WINS.

Only Goal Decides Match with Bristol Rovers.

GILLINGHAM 1, BRISTOL ROVERS 0.
There were new faces in both elevens in the match between Gillingham and Bristol Rovers, and the former were considerably better.

WEST HAM MANAGE TO DRAW.

MANY CASUALTIES.

LUCKY DEBUT IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE.

(By JOHNNY COPE)
West Ham received a great ovation from over thirty thousand spectators at Roker Park as they entered the arena to make their debut in First Division football.

It was a fast but by no means eventful game. On three occasions in the first half, the visitors were in the danger zone, but on a fourth occasion his head from a free kick by Marshall tipped the cross bar on the wrong side.

Watson was the first Hammer to threaten real danger to Sunderland's goal, his swift ground drive just going wide. He was followed by Moore, whose shot scraped the outside of the post.

In repelling one charge from the home left wing, Hutton fell and injured his leg, but was able to resume after a brief interval, during which he was assisted. Towards the interval the game became somewhat rough and one penalty awarded against West Ham nearly got home. Just on the interval, Buchanan shot into Hutton's lap. Paterson charged into the net, but Hutton side-stepped and threw out. Unfortunately, Hutton's half was spoilt through unpropitious circumstances, some of the West Ham players. The dropped science and resorted to physical force, with the result that man after man on Sunderland's side was laid out.

Two minutes after the restart Buchanan was brought down so heavily that he lay prone for several minutes. Marshall also was laid out, and towards the end of the contest resolved itself into an undignified scramble. Ellis was taken off with an eye injury which was so serious that he could not return.

This, however, was a genuine accident. Henderson catching him with his boot as he leapt over him.

With ten men Sunderland put in all they knew, but could not penetrate West Ham's defence. It was saying, but League football, and the Hammers cannot be proud of their first visit to Sunderland.

Watson was the only outstanding figure on his side, and all his efforts to steady his wing were for nothing, as he was never able to come nearer than any other player to finding the net.

HAT TRICK BY JOHNSON.

Boscombe Beaten in their First League Game.

SWINDON TOWN 2, BOSCOMBE 0.
The opening match of the campaign at Swindon was witnessed by 2,500 spectators. The new-coming to the League put up quite a good fight, but they were far from being the equals of the home side, and Swindon's victory did not flatter the winners.

It was only in the last minute of the game that Boscombe managed to penetrate the home defence, and then it was as a result of slackness on the part of Swindon's defence that Lister was able to beat the goal.

Swindon had three new men in their ranks, and each created a favourable impression. Dickinson, at right back, exercised fine judgment, and was equal to all occasions, and looks like making good in the position in which Swindon were not served after Hawley was transferred to the Bristol City last season.

Cromley at inside right, showed himself a clever purveyor of passes and should do well on heavy ground, but he was a useful side and, with ordinary luck, ought to be able to maintain a respectable position in the League. He showed themselves capable of lasting out a strenuous game against more skilful and experienced opponents.

Of course, lacking the ball left half, it is a man who ought to do them much good service.

Miller is a speedy right winger, and Lister played a thoughtful game at inside right.

Only one goal was scored in the first half, although Swindon did most of the attacking. The home side, obtaining the opening goal of the season went to Johnson, who left Heron helpless with a fast shot from 15 yards range.

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